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Police investigate campus burglary

By JOSE I LEMUS
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A man fled from the football team's locker room Tuesday, in a run that if it had been a battle for a championship competition, the Monarchs would have lost it. About 4 p.m., 20 players ran in search of a man who, they said, had broken into their locker room, while the team was practicing in preparation for next Saturday's encounter with Pierce.

The suspect had fled by then.

Coach Jim Fenwick called on the team, "Hey let's go back to practice."

Upon arrival at the locker room, in the south end of the community service building (East side of campus), the players found that six lockers had been burglarized, or at least locks had been broken.

"I lost my pager," team wide-receiver Richard Gill said, but he also said he had not done a thorough check of his locker. The team's coach called everybody back to work.

On Wednesday, College Police Captain Karl Traber said, "We don't know what was taken. We are waiting for the victims to report the losses."

"All we say is that we are investigating and the information will be disclosed when the investigation is completed," Traber said.

Trung Nguyen, equipment manager for the football team, said the man had apparently tried to enter through the Westside door to the

locker room, almost adjacent to an open door to the gymnastics room where a class was in session, but no one noticed the burglary.

"I didn't see or hear anything," said Krickett Jones, director of the Community Service gymnastics program, conducting a class with young children.

Nguyen, said that the suspect may have tried the door first, which lock-plate was bent and had dents probably done with a sharp metal piece. Then, he might have gone around and jumped through the window, Nguyen said.

Nguyen, who first spotted the suspect inside the room, said the man had fled through the door where he was standing. But, he said, it all happened so quickly that "When I called for help he came out through the door and bumped on me."

Nguyen said he could not identify the suspect very well but "he looked black and light-skin, about 20 or 22 (years old), with short hair."

Campus police, who arrived minutes after the incident said they are searching for the suspect.

As police checked around the building, they found a brown jacket and a black back-pack inside the fence surrounding the water heating installation. The bag contained a walkman, a notebook and a few LAVC registration forms.

But Officer Basilio Landeros, one of the officers at the scene, said a thorough investigation will be conducted about the incident.



LAVC Students Scramble inside the administration building, for a peek at the spring semester's schedule

Zack Slaton/Valley Star

Mail-in registration deadline corrected to Dec. 17

By ANDREW SAMUELSON
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Although Los Angeles Valley College registration packets that have Nov. 24 listed as the mail-in deadline, Dec. 17 is officially the last day to mail in registration, according to Associate Dean of Admissions, Billy Reed.

An admitted short sight by Dean of Student Services Mary Spangler, who did not catch the mistake when she proofed the origi-

nal paper sent to her by the admissions office, resulted in the mailing of the registration packets with the wrong date.

"I deeply apologize there was that problem," Spangler said. "A lot of changes were going on and I just did not catch it (the mistake)."

The correct dates for student mail-in and in-person registration are posted in admissions and in the schedule for the Spring semester, which was released on Wednesday in the Admissions Building.

The class schedule was released a day later than planned and a week later than last year, according to Senior Analyst Joan Steever, who edited the schedule.

The schedules were released a day late, because of a trucker's strike which forced the printer to deliver the books themselves, according to Dean of Academic Affairs John Clerx.

They came out a week later than last year because the school switched to a "parallel process" in putting the pamphlets together,

according to Steever.

The process involves using the manual typeset machine, which had been used exclusively in the past, combined with using a computer.

Steever said an additional week was needed for the process, but she could not begin early because teachers were not here before the start of the Fall semester.

Despite the confusion with the date and the delayed release of the schedules, admission lines have been shorter than usual, Reed said.

Health center services grow

By ROBERT WELSH
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If students are unhappy with the LAVC Student Health Center they must be complaining to the wrong people about it. K.G. Mahoney, student health services advisor, tells it like this.

The program is in its infancy and relies heavily upon student input for its development. Thus far, according to Mahoney, no-

body has complained to her. If students would let the health center personnel know what sort of program they want, they would probably have it before long, she said.

Trying to increase student contact, Mahoney and staff go to great lengths. Her people blanket the campus with information and Mahoney has personally gone to Monarch Square and surveyed students. "I'm not sure what else I can do," she said.

Students who do use the health center's facilities are impressed, according to Mahoney. "We have a partnership with Valley Hospital Medical Center."

For \$7.50 students get a lot more than emergency and first aid treatment. Regular services include blood pressure monitoring, pregnancy testing and weekly screenings for vision and weight. The health center also dispenses over-the-counter drugs for colds, headaches and other minor ailments at no cost to students.

Located in the Women's Physical Education Building, the health center offers a full range of services. The staff includes a nurse practitioner, a nurse receptionist and a volunteer nursing student. Mahoney, a veteran LAVC instructor, has a degree in health education.

Counseling is available in a host of areas, women's health, substance abuse and health maintenance among them. Students can also view video materials on a wide range of health related topics in the comfort of a private screening rooms.

When necessary the health center refers students to outside specialists or agencies. The free HIV test is one example, according to Mahoney. Because of the partnership agreement with Valley Hospital Medical Center, most referrals are offered to students at a reduced cost if not free, she said.

Mahoney places particular emphasis on health education and much of her efforts go toward organizing lectures or other special projects.

"If students will tell us what their needs are we can tailor a program to meet them," Mahoney said.



D'Andre Ford/Valley Star

Sunshine Bainbridge, Robert Rivas in *Here We Are* opens Friday at the Horseshoe Theatre. Fri 1&8 p.m. Sat. 8 p.m.

Volunteers recruited to help with Tay-Sachs free testing to be held on Campus

By GEORGINA TRAPOULOS
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The Tarzana Regional Medical Center (TRMC) in conjunction with The Valley College Student Health Center plan to offer free Tay-Sachs disease testing, for the general public as well as LAVC's community, on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 at Monarch Hall.

The Tay-Sachs carrier detection blood testing on Nov. 30, will be held between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Dec. 1,

between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. only.

In preparation for the testing, an educational planning meeting for volunteer students who are interested in educating and encouraging students to participate in the no-cost Tay-Sachs Disease carrier detection testing program, was held on Wednesday in the Fireside Room by TRMC.

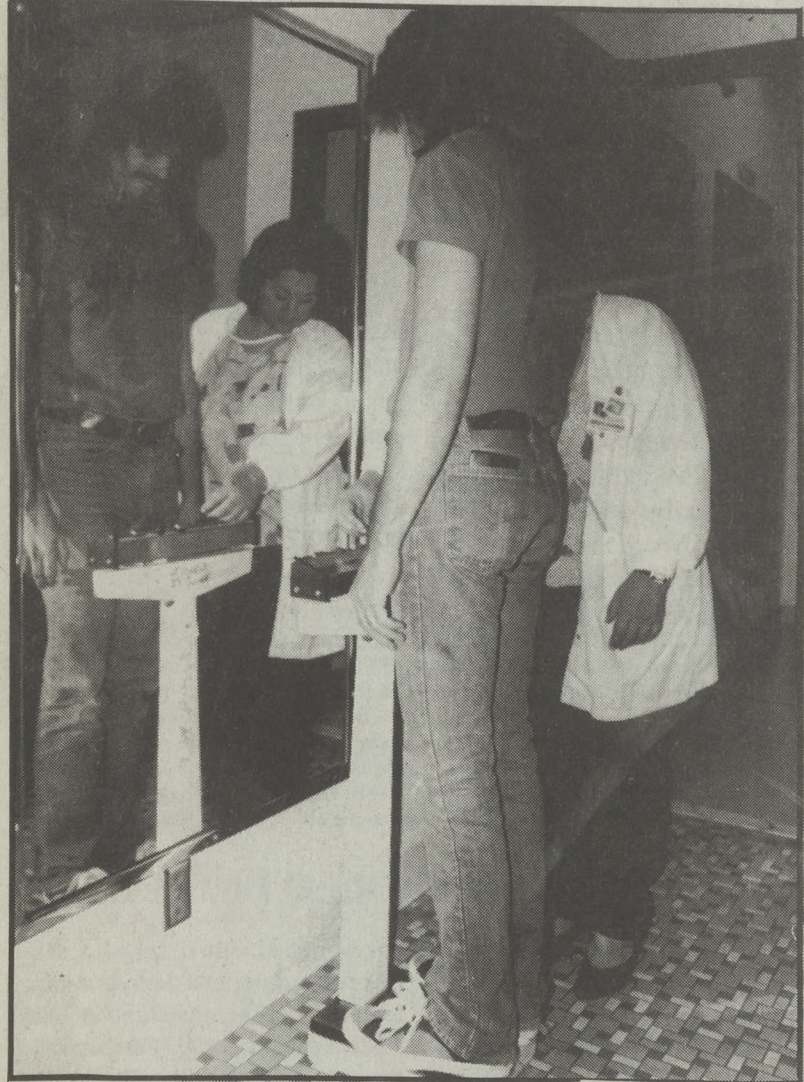
Susan Greenwald and Barbara Luftman, R.N. who are the Los Angeles Coordinators of the Tay-Sachs Disease Prevention Program, began the orientation for the volunteers with a film that illustrated the life-threatening risks of

this genetic disease.

The film showed that Tay-Sachs children fail to have an enzyme called Hex that is essential in breaking down a lipid, fatty material called Ganglioside (GM2) in the brain cells. Because these children do not have the enzyme, the GM2 continues to build up and invades the central nervous system which eventually causes death.

According to Luftman and the genetic disease educational hand out, "Normal appearing infants

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Veronica Gallego/Valley Star

Nurse Brenda Slewidge gives students weight control and blood pressure test at the Health Center

Remembering others in the giving season

Thanksgiving is traditionally the day when we usher in the holiday season. On Thanksgiving we give thanks for all that we have received during the past year. The holiday invokes thoughts of family and friends gathering together to celebrate and fest on turkey and pumpkin pie.

A symbol of Thanksgiving is the cornucopia, known as the "horn of plenty." Out of the horn flows the goodness of a fall harvest, things we have received from the earth.

On this day, as we give thanks from all that the "horn of plenty" bears, we should remember those who are not fortunate enough to have a full basket or even a basket at all.

There are some who will not have the pleasure of celebrating this day. The homeless man who we pass everyday, standing on the corner and offering to work for food, will stand on the same corner with the same sign as he does everyday.

The day laborer will venture out into the dawn just like every day, hoping to make money to support his family. For these and many others, there are no holidays.

As we celebrate this holiday and the ones that follow close behind, we should take the time to share the bounties from our horns of plenty.

Donating food, clothing, and toys is a simple way to share our gifts with the less fortunate. Spending time at a shelter or mission, working at a soup kitchen and feeding the homeless are other ways of reaching out.

As we prepare for the holidays it is important to remember that this is the season of sharing and giving to others. To participate in simple humanitarian efforts is a gift within itself. Giving the simple gift of care and time, is worth more to those who don't have a dime but a lifetime of memories.



The Valley Star wishes LAVC faculty, staff and students a happy Thanksgiving!

LAVC Womens center will create an oasis for female issues

By SYLVIA HERNANDEZ
Valley Star Staff Writer

Look both ways before your cross the street, don't talk to strangers and come straight home after school says a mother to her daughter. Girls grow up scarred by caution and enter adulthood eager to shake free of their parents' worst nightmare. They know to be wary of strangers. What they don't know is whether they have more to fear from their friends.

Date-rape was shoved into the headlines when William Kennedy Smith and Mike Tyson were both accused of assaulting women they met. Most women who get raped are raped by someone they already know-like the boy in algebra class, the guy in your apartment building or a friend's brother.

According to the Rape Center in Reseda, one out of every three women will be raped. In Los Angeles County alone, 40 percent of all women are or have been victimized.

Rape occurs in the U.S. every six seconds. Fifty to 60 percent of rapes reported are date-rape or acquaintance rape. The Rape Center further indicates that the "typical" date-rapist was a young male between the ages of 18-25.

Sources reveal some years back here on the campus of Valley College a handicapped student was assaulted near the cafeteria where she parked. She was knocked off her wheelchair, raped then stabbed.

Campus police found her and rushed her to the hospital.

When asked if any rapes had occurred on this campus, Officer Robert Reeves who has been with the campus police for 13 years said, "We have been very fortunate, no rapes have happened on campus."

After much probing, Officer Reeves did recall another incident whereby a young girl cutting through Parking Lot D was abducted and taking to a vacant lot where she was raped. Body language and personality can tip-off a perpetrator.

"Most rapists look for people who are vulnerable and may not fight back," said Andrea Mandelblatt of the Rape Treatment Center in Reseda. Mary Hito, LAVC Math Instructor, would like to see a women's center set up that would help the women of Valley college deal with the challenges that they are faced with today.

A rape hotline and support groups are just two of the ideas that she would like to see come to life on this campus. Most rapes are planned and intended. "I did not feel any danger going out with him and I had gone out with him many, many times," says Dee*.

Many women are reluctant report a rape or press charges because of how they are treated. "Historically, rape and date-rape are unreported crimes and less than 10 percent of all victims will fill out a report, and less than five per-

cent will be convicted," said Marybeth Roden, assistant director of the Rape Treatment Center in Santa Monica. Rape is a violation of a woman's body and it can affect every aspect of her life.

The burden of guilty, loss of trust, fear and depression are just a few effects on her life. "I didn't understand whether I was at fault or they were at fault," said Sally*.

Sex sells, so we're told. Young men and women are laden with images drawn from music videos, novels, television and movies like the Accused, A Streetcar Named Desire and Gone with the Wind. Its images that say it's okay, her lips are saying no, no but her eyes are saying yes, yes.

Some men don't believe a woman's protest and that is scarcely surprising in a society so drenched with messages that some women have rape fantasies and a desire to be overpowered.

Books, such as Susan Brownmiller's "Against Our Will," have made rape its primary subject matter. "Rape," she wrote, is "nothing more or less than a conscious process of intimidation by which all men keep all women in a state of fear."

The time has come for LAVC to have its own Women's Center. Hito said that she plans to ask the faculty to donate their time if one was opened on this campus.

*In the interest of privacy some names have been changed.

United States Supreme Court speaks out on sexual harassment

By JEANETTE GOLDBERG
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It's been defined more clearly. It's something that cannot happen by "mere words," but does not have to result in psychological harm to show it effected the victim. The biggest surprise is that it was unanimous and quick. The U.S. Supreme Court broadened the definition of sexual harassment, when it ruled in favor of a worker who was subjected to repeated sexual innuendos and demeaning comments. They ruled that the "reasonable person" standard will be applied to similar cases.

Sandra Day O'Connor wrote the Court's opinion, with Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Antonin Scalia writing concurring opinions. Ginsburg's

opinion offers more guidance in applying this decision. "The critical issue...is whether members of one sex are exposed to disadvantageous terms or conditions of employment to which members of the other sex are not exposed."

"It suffices to prove that a reasonable person subjected to the discriminatory conduct would find...that the harassment so altered working conditions as to 'make it more difficult to do the job.'"

Marcia Greenberger co-president of the National Women's Law Center called the decision a "big win for women." She hopes that lower courts would apply the reasonable person standard "fairly."

Although the Court addressed the workplace. Discriminatory conduct

can occur in the college environment. Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) guidelines were expanded to include schools because one of the barriers to employment for women and minorities was they were denied the same educational opportunities as male white counterparts. Women and minorities either were barred from entrance to colleges or given disparate education which did not prepare them for upward mobile jobs. Therefore substituting university/college for workplace would not be farfetched.

Hypothetically applying this decision to college campuses, a student would have to show that the conduct was severe enough or was used to discourage her/him from remaining in the class. The "reasonable person" test has been used

in most every type of civil law suit and civil rights case. Therefore, the class environment must be perceived as hostile or abusive by the "reasonable student" before the conduct of the professor could be established as sexually harassing. However, the conduct does not have to effect the student's psychological well-being. An instructor's conduct must be bad enough that the reasonable student would no longer be able to continue attending a class, or the conduct must be flagrant enough to effect a student's academic performance. LAVC is not immune to sexual harassment, but offensive comments made in classrooms do not fit the criteria either. On the other hand, chastising a student perception does not make the problem go

away.

Unfortunately, people do not know what to do under certain circumstances. For example, often people will say they have been robbed, because their house was broken into. Should the police not take the report because the crime committed was really burglary? Mislabeling something by the wrong name does not mean that something has not occurred that was considered outrageous or offensive. The more important issue is how do we handle the situation.

Sexual harassment is not new, the Valley College's policy and procedures are too vague, there then lies the blame. Tiptoeing around the subject because "sex" is part of the name is ignorance. When an instructor requires sexual favors

as a prerequisite of passing their course; When an instructor fondles a student; When an instructor intimidates students in a way that the "reasonable person" could understand that there was a sexual overture; Then there is sexual harassment.

Off with his head! Boycot the classroom! File the charges! Do what it takes to remedy the problem. Don't "witchhunt" or "throw the baby out with the bathwater." The goal is to eliminate discrimination.

If you mock that as "political correct" then remember when your color put you to the rear of the bus, and your gender determined you were worth half the pay of your co-worker. And what about your "closet?"

Jorgensen should be supported by union...

Dear Editor:

As a graduate student of Valley College some years ago, it is with amazement that I have watched this farce of "alleged sexual harassment" unfold in the Valley Star.

Thank you for sharing with us

the facts of this charge so that we can see for ourselves how a witch hunt or red scare would have been conducted by only tossing around the charge "sexual harassment" and the professor's name.

Many would assume this outrageous and slanderous accusation to be true. Even with the facts known, the accused remains tarred and smeared with this scarlet letter in his file, to follow him for the rest of his life.

I guess there are those prissy, protected little things, and the politically correct who would spend their up tight lives in some antiseptic bubble, separate from the rest of the riff raff. Didn't we go through all this in the 60's ???

I guess there are some of those bureaucrats, professor and other elitists who feel that students and professors should always remain separate with the former above the lowly students in words and

actions, like the officers and enlisted men.

While I read the charges in the Star, I've not seen anything about gross and ridiculous charges to have been filed in the first place. Jeanne Pollack, I've read, advised and directed the "offended student" to file a "sexual harassment" complaint has obviously made a very serious mistake and should be

brought to task for all the problems she has caused to Mr. Jorgensen.

Lastly, why have I not seen any supporting statements or letters from the teachers union for Mr. Jorgensen? Why haven't they spoken out against this bureaucratic railroad where the engineer is sound asleep at controls? Do I smell a politically correct rat in

this modern day version of the 1950's black list? The purpose of the union to get elected, collect a nice fat check and then sit on your keaster while a rank and file dues paying member fights for justice on his own. There's an old union song that goes, "which side of the line are you on." But then maybe this union never learned it. Sincerely,
Alan Sussex
Former student

Letter to the editor

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Students warned not to park at Jewish Community Center

By GARRETT D. URIBE
Valley Star Staff Writer

The warning has been issued, say irate Jewish officials: All students parking in the lot of the Valley Cities Jewish Community Center at 13164 Burbank Blvd. will have their cars subject to immediate towing.

The community center situated across the street from LAVC has witnessed rising, rampant abuse of its parking facilities and administrators there are incensed at the increasingly brazen conduct of students who frequently ignore "No Parking" signs and, when asked to move their vehicles, typically respond with profane epithets and/or gestures.

The situation has gotten so out-of-hand that normally genial community center members are resorting to public authorities to settle

matters. "We don't want to tow anybody," said Michelle Erbs, Administrative Assistant at VJCC, "but if we go ahead and tow five people away, maybe the word will get out."

The privileges of dues-paying members are being impinged upon, said Erbs, who is sympathetic to the student bfggfparking dilemma. "I went to school, I know how hard it is to find a spot sometime. But when it's 9 o'clock in the morning and all the students are dropping their kids off at daycare, and they can't even find a space, something has to be done."

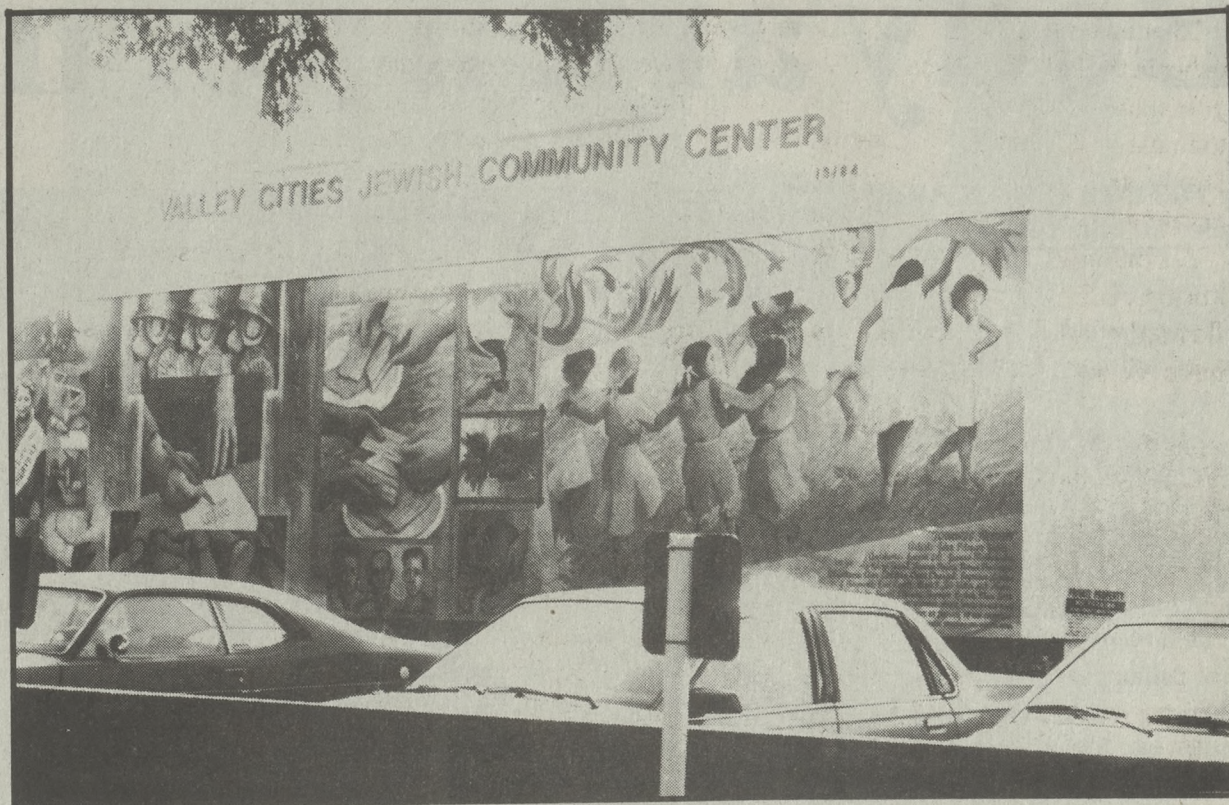
And something indeed will be gone. Beginning Dec. 1, an armed security patrolman will be stationed in the parking lot to rove around and catch non-member parking abusers. A warning will be issued - and if not heeded, a tow truck will be swiftly deployed to haul cars away.

In the mean time, community center workers will be on the alert, with full intentions of keeping their promise. "We have a whole service set up and we're ready to tow," Erbs said.

The VJCC is getting hit hardest in the early morning and evening hours, the times when most LAVC classes are held. These are also the peak hours for the community center which has morning child-care programs and regular night-time activities such as dances and workshops.

Members are often forced to park down the street (sometimes several blocks) because of their lot being raided by students.

"I mean, being in college, one would assume they know how to read," said Erbs referring to those who scoff at the conspicuously posted signs reading, NO PARKING, and PRIVATE PROPERTY.



Kim E. Smith/Valley Star

LAVC students illegally parked at Valley Cities Jewish Community Center on Burbank Blvd., will be towed away, officials said.

News Notes

Hillel Presentation: A guest speaker, Si Frumkin, will discuss the topic "What if Hitler won the war: A personal perspective from a holocaust survivor." The presentation will take place on Wednesday, December 1 in Behavioral Sciences 101 from 11 a.m. to noon. For more information, call (818) 887-5901.

Free Dinner: ASU will host a free turkey dinner November 23 from 3-5 p.m. in the Fireside Room. All LAVC students and faculty are welcome to attend.

Health Center: The LAVC Health Center will sponsor a depression screening and lecture on November 17 in the Fireside Room. Screenings will be from 3:30 - 5 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. Lecture will be from 5-6 p.m. The Center will also have a physician on campus to assess individual medical need on the following dates: November 3 from 5-7 p.m., November 9 from 10 a.m.-noon, November 17 from 10 a.m. to noon, November 24 from 5-7 p.m. and November 30 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Writing Center Hours: Writing Center hours are from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

New Horizons Center Hours: New Horizons Center for single parents and displaced homemakers is open 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Club notes-

Black Student Union: BSU study lounge is open in the Lion's Den from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday. The BSU meets on Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Paintball Club: The Paintball club meets every second and fourth Monday of each month in Foreign Language 104 at 1 p.m.

Philippino United Student Organization: PUSO meets every Friday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Humanities 103

Hillel-United Jewish Students: The Hillel at Valley information number is (818) 887-5901

Disabled Persons and Associates Club: The club meets in Humanities 100 on Mondays at noon

Scholastic Honor Society: Tau Alpha Epsilon meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Humanities 100. For information on Thursday nights call (213) 656-5805

Cross Cultures: All cultures are invited to come together for meetings every Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Humanities 102

Free Tay-Sachs testing dates are set

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begin showing symptoms of the disease at four to eight months: progressive loss of developmental achievement, blindness, seizures, and eventually death. There is no available therapy for the disease,

and it becomes fatal between three to five years of age."

Luftman explained that both parents must be carriers of the disease in order to produce a Tay-Sachs child. "If both parents are carriers, then their chances are one in four with each pregnancy that a Tay-Sachs child will be born," said Luftman.

In other words, Luftman stressed, "There is a three out of four chance of conceiving a normal child."

According to TRMC's guidelines all test subjects must be 18 years of age or older, and fill out a questionnaire regarding their family background and nationality. While the Tay-Sachs genes show up in only one out of 150 in the general population, the rate is one out of 30 among the Jewish population.

Although an unlimited number of student volunteers could be utilized, only 28 formally registered at the meeting.

The duties for the volunteers include distributing flyers two days before testing and during the testing.

Greenwald suggested that, "The volunteers could approach professors and request to make a one minute speech in classes regarding the Tay-Sachs testing."

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Susan Greenwald,

Other duties for the volunteers include distributing flyers two days before testing and during the testing. However, on the day of the screening the program will need the volunteers to help in processing the questionnaires and in general administrative duties.

Testing is also available at USC medical center, and at other hospitals. The cost is about \$75.00.

For more information regarding testing or to volunteer you may contact William Jung, ASU Commissioner of Student Health and Welfare.

Culture Clubs expand the arts

By BETTY LOUSARARIAN
Valley Star Staff Writer

Cross-Culture Club representative Katherine A. Blaine.

Originally, there was going to be a panel of judges selecting and awarding the top talent, but Blaine said, "If we put judges in the show, it would turn into a competition between cultures, and that's not the goal of this show."

Interested participants are instructed to drop off a sheet of paper including their name and phone number at the ASU office, or go to a Cross-Culture Club meeting in Humanities 102 on Wednesday at noon.

Pre-purchased tickets for the event will cost \$3 for ASU members, \$4 for non-ASU members, and \$5 at the door on opening night.

According to Blaine, this event will give each and everyone the opportunity to proudly display their ethnic background through their talents.

The Cross-Culture Club is seeking individuals who are interested in participating in an upcoming variety show on Nov. 18 in an effort to promote further understanding and appreciation of the diverse multi-cultural population on campus.

Those already scheduled to perform include a jazz band, a Spanish singing guitarist, and some professional stand-up comedians. The Cross-Culture Club encourages students and non-students alike to participate in the 7 p.m. Monarch Hall event by representing their ethnic background through some form of entertainment.

"We want people to know that there is unity, where everyone can perform at the same stage," said

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Body art: a permanent fad?

By TIFFINIE P. McENTIRE
Valley Star Staff Writer

Tattoos aren't just for sailors, bikers, and gang members anymore.

Throughout history tattooing has played the role of magical protector, good luck charm, status symbol, and beauty enhancer.

For centuries people of different cultures from various parts of the world have been tapping ink-dipped thorns or bones, or more recently, electrically powered needles into the skin, leaving behind a permanent work of skin art.

Burmese males were once tattooed from waist to knee with demonic and cat-like figures which were thought to protect them against snake bites and to increase agility.

To this day Thai fishermen tattoo themselves with Buddhist incantations and animistic prayers to ward off evil spirits and to protect them on the sea.

The word tattoo comes from the Tahitian tatu. In Tahiti both men and women were tattooed, especially those with high status. The most popular body parts decorated were scalps, eyelids, and the insides of lips.

These designs were abstractions based on every day objects and human forms.

For the most part tattooing in America has not been very popular, although today there is a huge sub-culture of tattooed individuals making their way through society.

On the contrary to tattooing, body piercing is very popular, especially of the ears.

What possesses people to alter their bodies, to paint and pierce their flesh? Is it for status or protection, or is it just for the fun of it?

"There's no real, deep reason (for tattooing) I've just always wanted a tattoo," said LAVC English major, Laura Denis, as she displays her tattooed back and ankle. "I used to have my tongue pierced but it got to be uncomfortable."

For many people with body art there aren't any real motivators behind their choices -- it was just something that they wanted to do to individualize and enhance their bodies.

Former LAVC student Holly Baxter gets most of her tattooing done by her brother Jesse Tuesday at Body Electric on Melrose Avenue.

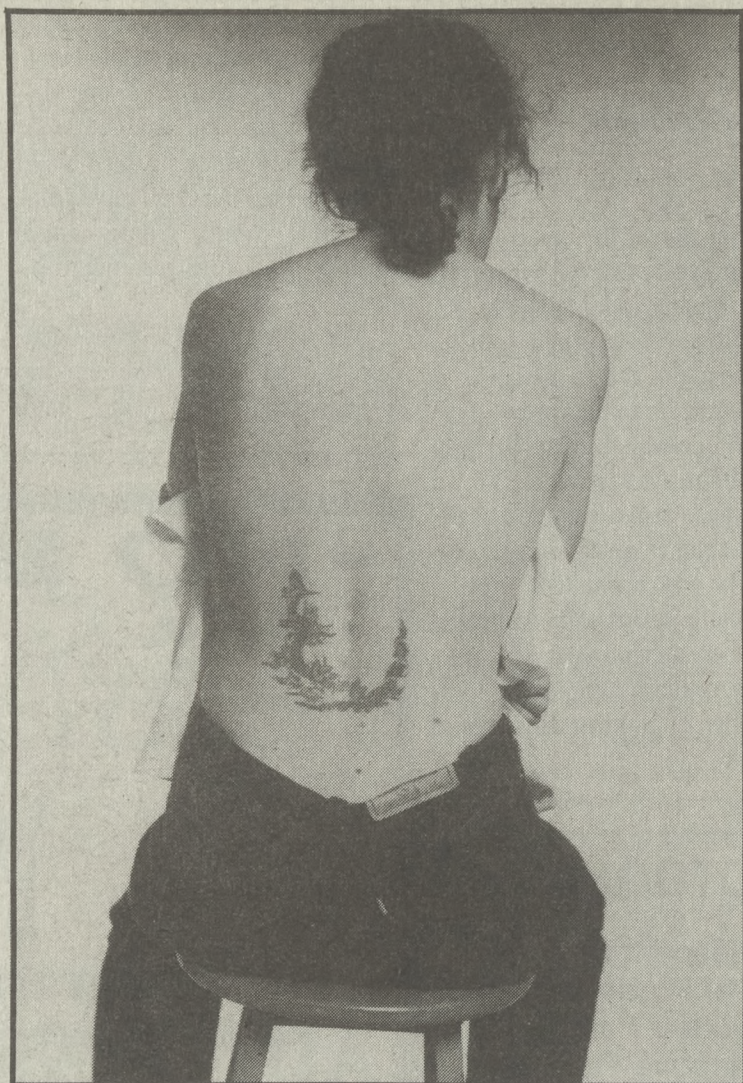
Baxter has been tattooed since 1984 and has just recently added a new piece of art to her hip.

"Tattoo's are addicting," said Baxter. "The more you have, the more you want."



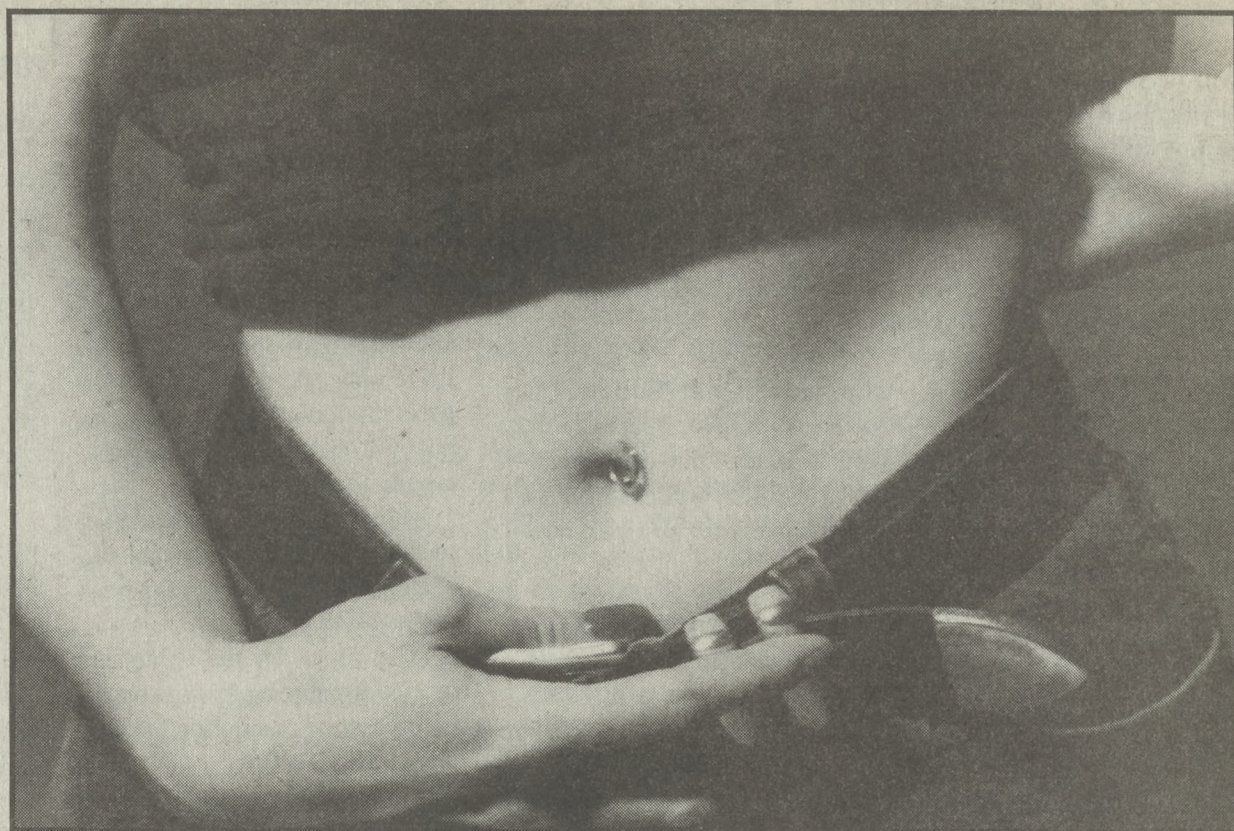
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Former LAVC business student, Holly Tuesday Baxter receiving her latest piece of body art by her brother, Jesse Tuesday Baxter in Los Angeles.



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Sandra Salamone shows off her Asian body art.



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LAVC Theater Arts student, Andrea Posey, displays one of many pierced body parts.

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Turkey is not the only way to give thanks

By JEANETTE GOLDBERG
Valley Star Staff Writer

Thanksgiving is celebrated throughout the world. Although nations of the world do not celebrate in unison, the idea of appreciating a religious commemoration, or national event is not exclusive to the United States of America. However, the American holiday is relatively new to the world calendar.

To celebrate the changing of seasons, to welcome the rains and to commemorate the harvest of vegetation, Jewish people celebrate a holiday called Sukkot. Most people are more familiar with this holiday's predecessors, Rosh Hashanah (New Year) and Yom Kippur. These holidays start the Jewish year while Sukkot (Feast of Booths) marks the end of the High Holy days. The Sukkah is a booth of leaves and latticework, used for one-week to eat and sleep in. Valley/Pierce Hillel built a Sukkah on each campus. Valley's was located in the center of campus next to Monarch Hall, front of

the Business Office.

Valley students and staff partook in refreshment and sang Israeli songs of freedom and hope. Hillel Director, Rabbi David Gedzelman explained "The blessing over the Lulav, which consists of four species of vegetation: the myrtle, the palm, the willow and the citron, to celebrate the end of the harvest and cultivate a sense of thankfulness for the power of nature." He said "No matter how much or little we accomplished in the past year, we're commanded to be joyful over what we have and to really celebrate." While the Sukkah is a temporary structure it is permanent to Jewish tradition and people:

"You shall live in the Sukkah seven days all citizens of Israel. In order that future generations may know that I made the Children of Israel live in Sukkot when I brought them out of the land of Egypt. "Blessed are you, oh Lord, who spreads a Sukkah of Peace over us."

According to Rabbi Gedzelman the holiday is to make us mindful of our vulnerability and frailty.

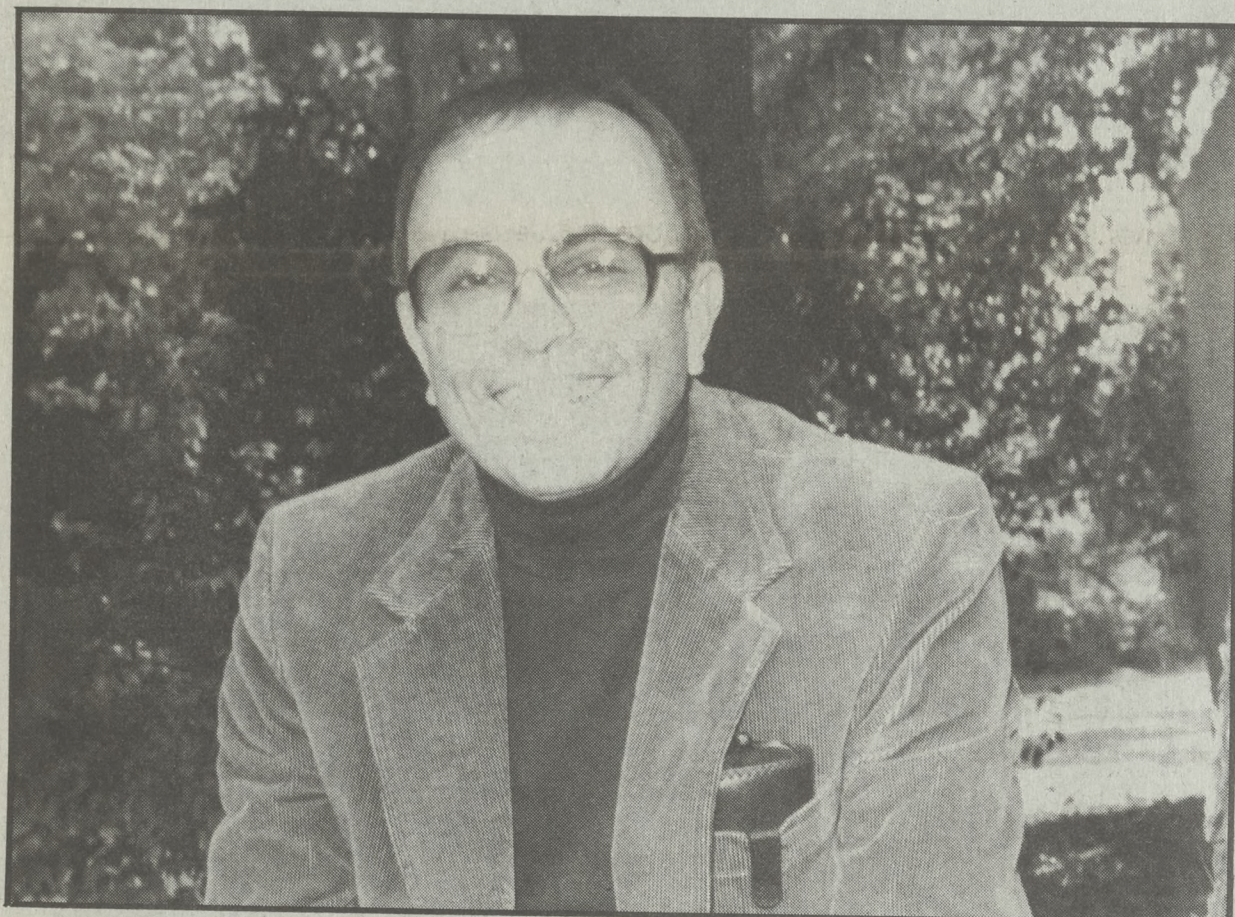
People sleep and eat in their Sukkah. "This holiday is the crown on the system of the Jewish holiday. The finale of the year. To celebrate in the most intense way over all other holidays." Sukkot starts with a two holiday days, it ends with Shemini Atzeret (Eighth Day of Convocation) and Simchat Torah wherein the Jewish people finish reading the Torah (five books of Moses) and begin reading it again anew. While some people know very little if anything about Sukkot, the holiday is not a lesser holiday. It is a reminder holiday of the unsheltered, vulnerable existence of Jews historically. It sensitizes us to the frailty and transitory nature of human life, inspiring us to share what we have with others in need and to replenish the earth.

The Jewish thanksgiving holiday of Sukkot is not unlike the picture that American children have ingrained in their minds of the pilgrims who weathered an unbearable journey over the Atlantic, endured the hardship of a cold winter, but sat to feast with their new neighbors, to give thanks for a new land, hope and life.



Valley/Pierce Hillel

Valley Hillel students eat, sing, pray and celebrate Sukkot in the traditional manner.



Daryl Glinn/Valley Star

Counselor Michael Saluzzi takes a personal interest in over 100 students each week.

Articulation and all that jazz

By SYLVIA FIGUEROA
Valley Star Staff Writer

He played with Judy Garland and Ella Fitzgerald. He toured Japan, South Africa, and Australia on a concert tour as an accompanist to Roger Williams. He is jazz guitarist Michael Saluzzi also known as articulations officer/counselor here at Valley.

Saluzzi, (pronounced salute see) played at the Cocoanut Grove as the house guitarist between the years '69 and '71.

So why is a former jazz guitarist working at anything other than, well, jazz guitar? "I really had a good time but it was time to put a period on it," said Saluzzi.

After a concert tour in 1969, Saluzzi decided to start a masters's program, "I wanted a higher degree." He said all his friends had degrees in higher education and he decided he wanted one too. Saluzzi received his degree in Counseling-Psychology. He attended intership programs at Valley and Glendale College and upon graduating he

was offered a position as counselor at both colleges.

As articulations officer Saluzzi is responsible for the accuracy of all state university agreements. That means he is one of the people responsible for seeing that credits from one college are accepted at all colleges.

His most challenging responsibility are problems that require investigation.

For example, a student may have already completed courses that would qualify him/her to obtain a specific degree and may not even know it until she/he speaks to Saluzzi.

Twenty one years ago Saluzzi had no idea he would become a counselor because of his musical talent, but quit he did and has no regrets.

"It's important to take a walk sometimes and explore other areas of interest. It's not good to stay in the same spot, because one never knows one's own strengths until something is explored," he explains. Saluzzi talks to at least 100 students a week, and he has come

to have good relationships with some of them, he said sometimes they just show up in his office without an appointment because it's for a quick answer.

Aside from being articulations officer and counselor, he teaches a personal development class based on career planning. He has also put together a distillation of 12 books into an informative brochure entitled "Personal Development I" which is an introduction to college.

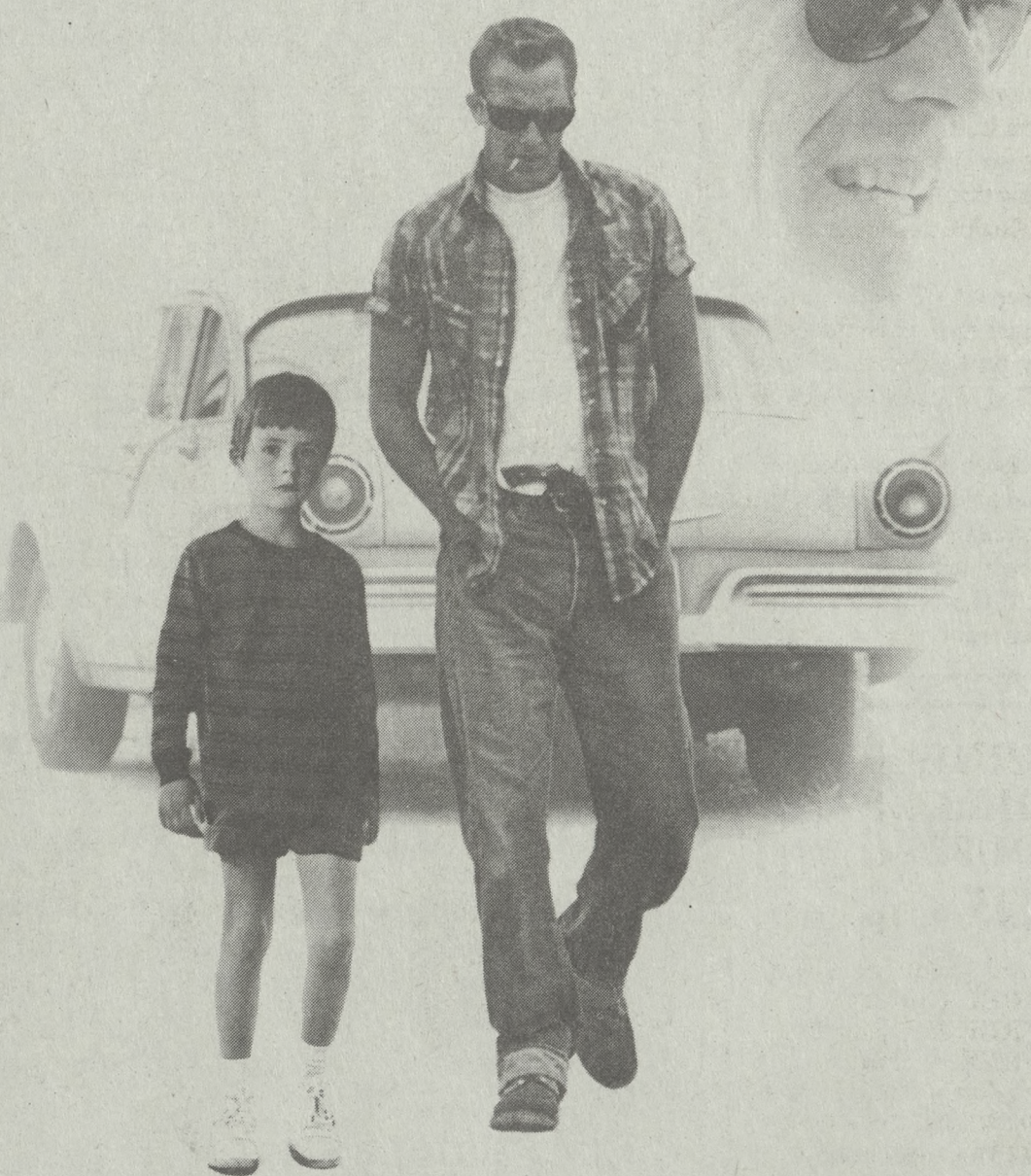
To relax Saluzzi still plays jazz guitar and, in fact, plays with another Valley staff member, instructional media service (IMS) instructor Don Kerian.

Saluzzi has also written several music books, one distributed world wide is The Harmonization Handbook.

About counseling Saluzzi said, "You're concerns are my concerns."

He said he strongly believes in knowing something personal about every student he counsels, "I care for students the way I would want to be cared for."

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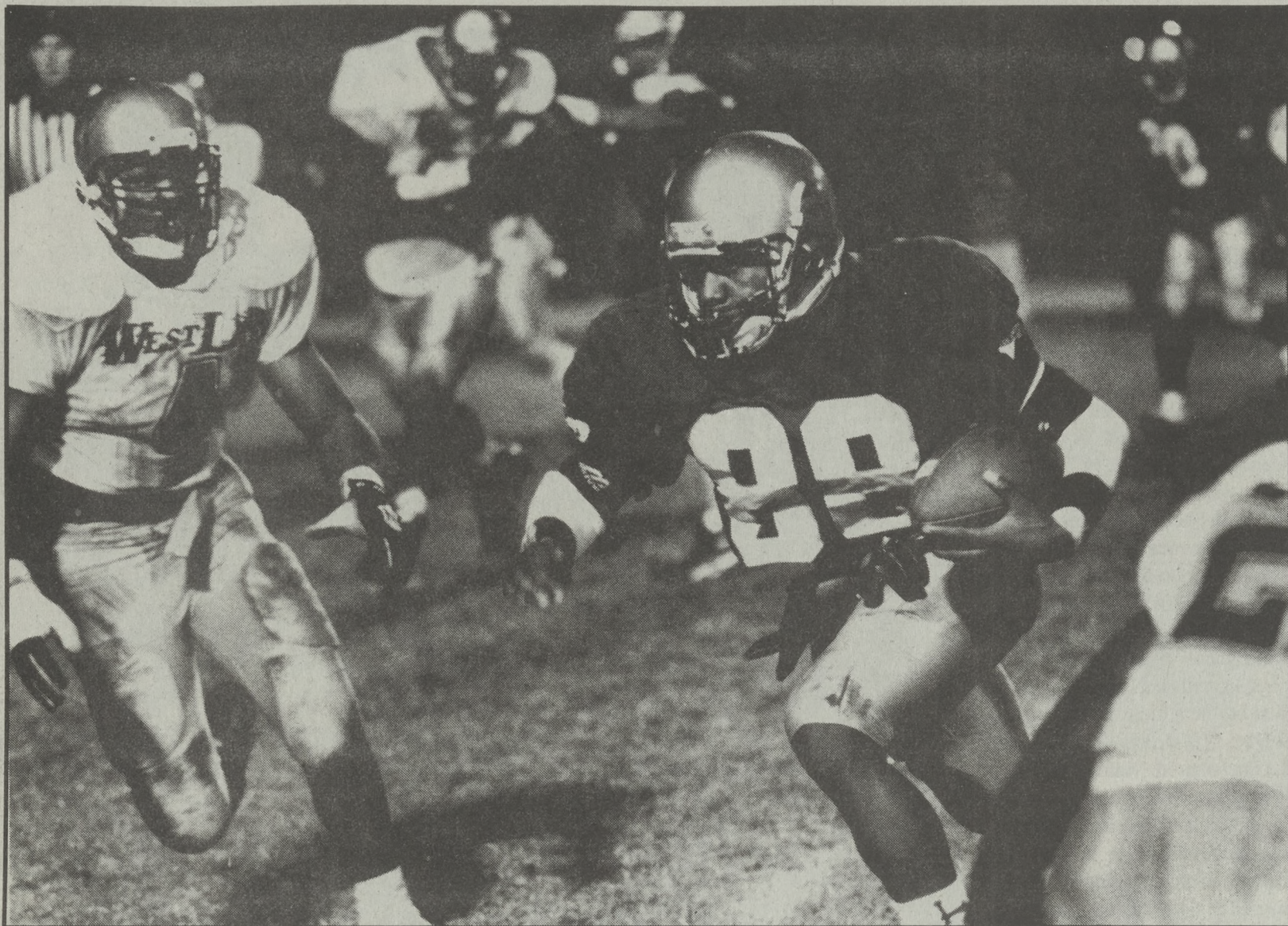


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Valley receiver Richard Gill "turns the corner" on West L.A. linebacker Paul Braszel in one of the many big plays of the night. The Monarchs racked up over 700 yards in offense, as they crushed the Oilers, 68-41.

Monarchs go on spree, 68-41

By HAROLD BROWN
Valley Star Staff Writer

The LAVC Monarchs came out of the mist with a blast by annihilating the West Los Angeles Oilers, 68-41, Saturday night at Monarch Stadium.

Looking forward causes stumped toes and broken extremities and a reality that concentration is a must to complete the expected winning season. Maybe this game brought back the necessary focus for the season finale. Staying focused on the task at hand minimizes embarrassment which is what happen last night.

Their two previous losses were wiped from the memory bank with this victory.

This victory put the Monarchs in a better mood to close out the season Saturday night against the Pierce Brahmas on their turf in

Woodland Hills.

A close first half game, 28-14 with Valley leading, gave no indication of the second half fireworks—especially the third quarter 46 point out burst scored by both teams. This quarter became a game within a game with the Monarchs out scoring the Oilers 26-20.

The game centered around who could score the most points and make the fewest mistakes. Valley won both portions by a wide margin.

The score indicated the defense took the night off, which they did, but they did contribute by giving the offense good field position on a couple of occasions. These opportunities lead to short drives and quick scores.

The award for the longest drive with the fewest plays goes to the Oilers, 81 yards in one play.

The award for the shortest drive in the most plays goes to the Mon-

archs, 38 yards in 10 plays.

Sean Fitzgerald had a career night. He became the first Valley football player to pass for over 2,000 yards in a single season and throw 20 touchdown passes. Remember there is another game next week.

To complement his seasonal performance, in this game he tied his record for passes attempted at 41, set a record with completions at 25 and tied his mark set the previous week of five touchdown passes. What was noticeably absent this night was, no interceptions.

Think, he could not have set these records in a vacuum. Also, having a career night was Brain Comer with 199 yards on 10 receptions and two touchdowns.

The running game complemented the passing. Irving Carter had 56 yards on 10 carries before leaving the game early in the second quarter with a knee injury.

Basketballers tip off season

Men's and women's teams start season with splits at Mt. SAC Tourney over weekend

By HAROLD BROWN and
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Valley Star Staff Writers

The leaves start falling off trees, darkness comes before 6 o'clock, that only means one thing, basketball season has arrived! On the hardwood the men and women opened their basketball season at the Tip-Off Tournament on the Mt. SAC campus this past weekend.

The men played Fullerton College they were walloped by the score of 110-85. Bobby Natoya, of Fullerton College scored 40 points. His 25 points in the first half were too much for Valley to overcome despite four of the starters for Fullerton fouling out.

The second game, for third place, was a better one for the Lions, they defeated the hosts of the tournament, Mt. SAC 68-62 to improve their record to 1-1.

The women won their contest against Glendale College, 68-47. They fell behind early by 16 points but stormed back to win.

"We had an excellent second half after a shaky start." Said Lady Monarch Head Coach John Taylor."

Valley had 25 turn overs in the

first half and 38 total. But the Lady Lions were "excellent" on the boards, finishing the game with a total of 56.

Valley outscored Glendale 45-23 after trailing at one point 24-23.

Next up, like the men, was the host team, Mt. SAC. But, unlike the men, the Lady Monarchs fell 81-75 in overtime, to take second place.

Valley led at the half 42-30, but were outscored 20-6 to start the second half.

This game's ending resembled the Lakers-Clippers game played on Tuesday. With seven seconds left in regulation, Mt. SAC 67-65 and had possession of the ball. That's when Valley's Nicole Baynes stole a pass and layed it in to beat the buzzer and send it to overtime.

Mt. SAC out scored Valley 14-8 in the extra period to win the Tip-Off Tournament.

"It was a sea-saw battle in the second half," said Taylor, "we have some weaknesses. Overall, I'm happy with the intensity, but we need to work on the execution."

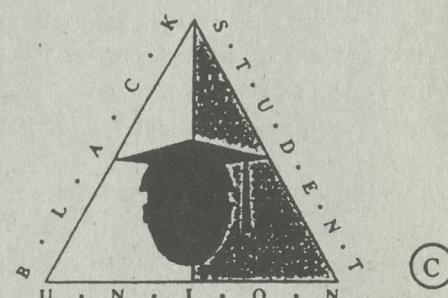
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